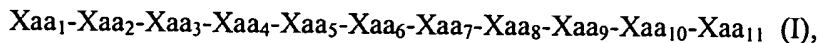


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (previously presented). A compound of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

Xaa₁ is an acyl group, wherein the acyl group is selected from the group consisting of

R¹-(CH₂)_n-C(O)-, wherein n is an integer from 0 to 8 and R¹ is selected from the group consisting of N-acetylamino, alkoxy, alkyl, aryl, carboxy, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, hydroxy; and

R²-CH₂CH₂-O-(CH₂CH₂O)_p-CH₂-C(O)-, wherein p is an integer from 1 to 8 and R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, N-acetylamino, and alkyl;

Xaa₂ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,

β-alanyl,

asparaginy,

citrully,

N-ethylglycyl,

glutaminy,

glutamyl,

methionyl,

N-methylalanyl,

N-methylprolyl,

prolyl,

pyro-glutamyl,

sarcosyl,

seryl,

threonyl,

H₃C-C(O)-HN-(CH₂)_q-C(O)-, wherein q is an integer from 1 to 8, and

H₃C-C(O)-HN-CH₂CH₂-O-(CH₂CH₂O)_r-CH₂-C(O)-, wherein r is an integer from 1 to 8;

with the proviso that Xaa₁ is absent when Xaa₂ is N-methylprolyl, H₃C-C(O)-HN-(CH₂)_q-C(O)-, or H₃C-C(O)-HN-CH₂CH₂-O-(CH₂CH₂O)_r-CH₂-C(O)-;

Xaa₃ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,

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asparaginy,
aspartyl,
glutaminy,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
leucyl,
methionyl,
phenylalanyl,
prolyl, and
seryl;

Xaa₄ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
(1R,4S)-1-aminocyclopent-2-ene-4-carbonyl,
aspartyl,
3-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)alanyl,
3-(3-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
cysteinyl(S-ethyl),
cysteinyl(S-methyl),
2,4-diaminobutanoyl,
2,3-diaminopropionyl,
3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homophenylalanyl,
homoseryl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl(sulfone),
methionyl(sulfoxide),
3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,

ornithyl,
phenylglycyl,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl(benzyl),
styrylalanyl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
3-(thiazolyl)alanyl,
3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
D-valyl;

Xaa₅ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

D-alanyl,
alloisoleucyl,
D-alloisoleucyl,
D-allothreonyl,
D-allylglycyl,
D-2-aminobutyryl,
D-3-(4-aminophenyl)alanyl,
D-asparaginyll,
D-aspartyl,
D-3-(4,4'-biphenyl)alanyl,
D-*t*-butylglycyl,
D-3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
D-citrullyl,
D-3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
D-cyclohexylalanyl,
D-cyclohexylglycyl,
D-cysteinyll,
D-cysteinyll(S-*t*-butyl),
dehydroleucyl,
D-3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
D-glutaminyll,

D-glutamyl,
glycyl,
D-histidyl,
D-homoisoleucyl,
D-homophenylalanyl,
D-homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl,
D-leucyl,
D-lysyl,
D-lysyl(N-epsilon-nicotinyl),
D-methionyl,
D-3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
D-neopentylglycyl,
D-3-(4-nitrophenyl)alanyl,
D-norleucyl,
D-norvalyl,
D-ornithyl,
D-penicillaminyl,
D-penicillaminyl(S-acetamidomethyl),
D-penicillaminyl(S-benzyl),
D-penicillaminyl(S-methyl),
D-phenylalanyl,
prolyl,
D-prolyl,
D-3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
D-seryl,
D-seryl(O-benzyl),
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-threonyl,
D-threonyl(O-benzyl),
D-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)alanyl,
D-tryptyl,
D-tyrosyl(O-benzyl),

D-tyrosyl(O-ethyl),
D-tyrosyl, and
D-valyl;

Xaa₆ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
allothreonyl,
D-allothreonyl,
allylglycyl,
asparaginy,yl,
cysteiny,yl,
glutaminy,yl,
glycyl,
histidyl,
homoseryl,
D-homoseryl,
3-(4-hydroxymethylphenyl)alanyl,
isoleucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norvalyl,
octylglycyl,
ornithyl,
penicillaminy,yl,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl,
D-seryl,
threonyl,
D-threonyl,
tryptyl, and
tyrosyl;

Xaa₇ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of
alanyl,

allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
arginyl,
asparaginyl,
aspartyl,
3-(4-carboxyamidophenyl)alanyl,
citrullyl,
cyclohexylalanyl,
cysteinyl,
glutaminyl,
D-glutaminyl,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
histidyl,
homoalanyl,
homoleucyl,
homoseryl,
D-homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
leucyl,
D-leucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
lysyl(N-epsilon-isopropyl),
methionyl(sulfone),
methionyl(sulfoxide),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norleucyl,
norvalyl,
D-norvalyl,
octylglycyl,
penicillaminyl,
phenylalanyl,
propargylglycyl,

3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl,
D-seryl,
threonyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
valyl;

Xaa₈ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
alloisoleucyl,
D-alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
aspartyl,
t-butylglycyl,
citrullyl,
cyclohexylglycyl,
cysteinyl,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl,
leucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norvalyl,
penicillaminyl,
phenylalanyl,
prolyl,
seryl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
valyl;

Xaa₉ is an amino acyl residue selected from
[(4-amino(N-isopropyl)methyl)phenyl]alanyl,
3-(4-amino-N-isopropylphenyl)alanyl,
arginyl,
arginyl(N^GN^{G'}diethyl),
citrullyl,
3-(cyclohexyl)alanyl(4-N-isopropyl),
glycyl[4-piperidiny(N-amidino)],
(3-guanidino)alanyl,
3-(4-guanidinophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homoarginyl,
lysyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-isopropyl),
lysyl(N-epsilon-nicotinyl),
norarginyl,
ornithyl(N-delta-isopropyl),
ornithyl(N-delta-nicotinyl),
ornithyl[N-delta-(2-imidazoliny)],
[4-piperidiny(N-amidino)]alanyl, and
[3-pyrrolidiny(2-N-amidino)]alanyl;

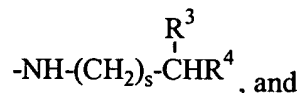
Xaa₁₀ is an amino acyl residue selected from the group consisting of
D-alanyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
2-aminoisobutyryl,
t-butylglycyl,
homopropyl,
hydroxypropyl,
isoleucyl,
leucyl,
phenylalanyl,
propyl,
D-propyl,
seryl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
threonyl, and

valyl;

Xaa₁₁ is a hydroxy group or an amino acid amide selected from the group consisting of

D-alanylamide,
D-alanylethylamide,
azaglycylamide,
glycylamide,
glycylethylamide,
sarcosylamide,
serylamine,
D-serylamine,

a residue represented by the formula



a group represented by the formula $-\text{NH}-\text{R}^5$; wherein

s is an integer selected from 0 to 8;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and a 5- to 6-membered cycloalkyl ring;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkoxy, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycle, and hydroxy;

provided that s is not zero when R⁴ is hydroxy or alkoxy; and

R⁵ is selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, and cycloalkyl

2 (previously presented). A compound according to Claim 1, wherein is selected from the group consisting of

acetyl,
N-acetyl-β-alanyl,
(4-N-acetylamino)butyryl,
(6-N-acetylamino)caproyl,
(8-N-acetylamino)-3,6-dioxo-octanoyl,
butyryl,
caproyl,
5-chloro-2-hydroxynicotinyl,
5-chloro-6-hydroxynicotinyl,
2-chloroisonicotinyl,
2-chloro-6-methylnicotinyl,

cyclohexylacetyl,
furoyl,
2-hydroxy-6-methylnicotinyl,
6-hydroxynicotinyl,
6-hydroxy-2-picolinyl,
isonicotinyl,
2-methoxyacetyl,
2-methylnicotinyl,
6-methylnicotinyl,
(4-methyl)phenylacetyl,
nicotinyl,
phenylacetyl,
propionyl,
shikimyl,
succinyl, and
tetrahydrofuroyl.

3 (original). A compound according to Claim 2 wherein Xaa₁ is selected from the group consisting of

acetyl, and
6-methylnicotinyl.

4 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₂ is selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
β-alanyl,
asparaginyl,
citrullyl,
N-ethylglycyl,
glutaminy,
glutamyl,
methionyl,
N-methylalanyl,
N-methylprolyl,
prolyl,
pyro-glutamyl,
sarcosyl,

seryl,
threonyl,
 $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{HN}-(\text{CH}_2)_q-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, wherein q is an integer from 1 to 8, and
 $\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{HN}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_r-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, wherein r is an integer from 1 to 8.

5 (original). A compound according to Claim 4, wherein Xaa_2 is sarcosyl.

6 (original). The compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa_3 is selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
asparaginyll,
aspartyl,
glutaminyll,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
leucyl,
methionyl,
phenylalanyl,
prolyl, and
seryl.

7 (original). A compound according to Claim 6 wherein Xaa_3 is glycyl.

8 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa_4 is selected from the group consisting of

alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
(1R,4S)-1-aminocyclopent-2-ene-4-carbonyl,
aspartyl,
3-(5-bromothien-2-yl)alanyl,
3-(3-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
cysteinyll(S-ethyl),
cysteinyll(S-methyl),

2,4-diaminobutanoyl,
2,3-diaminopropionyl,
3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homophenylalanyl,
homoseryl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl(sulfone),
methionyl(sulfoxide),
3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
ornithyl,
phenylglycyl,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl(O-benzyl),
styrylalanyl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
3-(thiazolyl)alanyl,
3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
D-valyl.

9 (original). A compound according to Claim 8 wherein Xaa₄ is selected from the group consisting of

alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
(1R,4S)-1-aminocyclopent-2-ene-4-carbonyl,
3-(5-bromothien-2-yl)alanyl,
3-(3-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,

3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
cysteinyl(S-ethyl),
cysteinyl(S-methyl),
2,4-diaminobutanoyl,
2,3-diaminopropionyl,
3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homophenylalanyl,
homoseryl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl(sulfone),
methionyl(sulfoxide),
3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
ornithyl,
phenylglycyl,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl(O-benzyl),
styrylalanyl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
3-(thiazolyl)alanyl,
3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
D-valyl.

10 (original). A compound according to Claim 1, wherein Xaa₅ is selected from the group consisting of

D-alanyl,
alloisoleucyl,
D-alloisoleucyl,
D-allothreonyl,

D-allylglycyl,
D-2-aminobutyryl,
D-3-(4-aminophenyl)alanyl,
D-asparaginyll,
D-aspartyl,
D-3-(4,4'-biphenyl)alanyl,
D-*t*-butylglycyl,
D-3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
D-citrullyl,
D-3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
D-cyclohexylalanyl,
D-cyclohexylglycyl,
D-cysteinyll,
D-cysteinyll(S-*t*-butyl),
dehydroleucyl,
D-3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
D-glutaminyll,
D-glutamyl,
glycyl,
D-histidyl,
D-homoleucyl,
D-homophenylalanyl,
D-homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl,
D-leucyl,
D-lysyl,
D-lysyl(N-epsilon-nicotinyl),
D-methionyl,
D-3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
D-neopentylglycyl,
D-3-(4-nitrophenyl)alanyl,
D-norleucyl,
D-norvalyl,

D-ornithyl,
D-penicillaminy,
D-penicillaminy(S-acetamidomethyl),
D-penicillaminy(S-benzyl),
D-penicillaminy(S-methyl),
D-phenylalanyl,
prolyl,
D-prolyl,
D-3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
D-seryl,
D-seryl(O-benzyl),
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-threonyl,
D-threonyl(O-benzyl),
D-3-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)alanyl,
D-3-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)alanyl,
D-tryptyl,
D-tyrosyl(O-benzyl),
D-tyrosyl(O-ethyl),
D-tyrosyl, and
D-valyl.

11 (original). A compound according to Claim 10 wherein Xaa₅ is selected from the group consisting of

isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl, and
D-leucyl.

12 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₆ is selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
allothreonyl,
D-allothreonyl,
allylglycyl,
asparaginy,
cysteiny,
glutaminy,

glycyl,
histidyl,
homoseryl,
D-homoseryl,
3-(4-hydroxymethylphenyl)alanyl,
isoleucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norvalyl,
octylglycyl,
ornithyl,
penicillaminy,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl,
D-seryl,
threonyl,
D-threonyl,
tryptyl, and
tyrosyl.

13 (original). A compound according to Claim 12 wherein Xaa₆ is selected from the group consisting of

seryl, and
threonyl.

14 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₇ is selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
arginyl,
asparaginy,
aspartyl,
3-(4-carboxyamidophenyl)alanyl,

citrullyl,
cyclohexylalanyl,
cysteinyl,
glutaminyl,
D-glutaminyl,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
histidyl,
homoalanyl,
homoleucyl,
homoseryl,
D-homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
leucyl,
D-leucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
lysyl(N-epsilon-isopropyl),
methionyl(sulfone),
methionyl(sulfoxide),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norleucyl,
norvalyl,
D-norvalyl,
octylglycyl,
penicillaminyl,
phenylalanyl,
propargylglycyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl,
D-seryl,
threonyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and

valyl.

15 (original). A compound according to Claim 14 wherein Xaa₇ is selected from the group consisting of

glutaminyl,
norvalyl, and
seryl.

16 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₈ is selected from the group consisting of

alanyl,
alloisoleucyl,
D-alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
aspartyl,
t-butylglycyl,
citrullyl,
cyclohexylglycyl,
cysteinyll,
glutamyl,
glycyl,
homoseryl,
isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl,
leucyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
norvalyl,
penicillaminyll,
phenylalanyl,
prolyl,
seryl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
valyl.

17 (original). A compound according to Claim 16 wherein Xaa₈ is isoleucyl.

18 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₉ is selected from the group consisting of

[(4-amino(N-isopropyl)methyl)phenyl]alanyl,
3-(4-amino-N-isopropylphenyl)alanyl,
arginylnyl,
arginylnyl(N^GN^{G'}diethyl),
citrullyl,
3-(cyclohexyl)alanyl(4-N-isopropyl),
glycyl[4-piperidinylnyl(N-amidino)],
(3-guanidino)alanyl,
3-(4-guanidinophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homoarginylnyl,
lysyl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-isopropyl),
lysyl(N-epsilon-nicotinyl),
norarginylnyl,
ornithyl(N-delta-isopropyl),
ornithyl(N-delta-nicotinyl),
ornithyl[N-delta-(2-imidazolinylnyl)],
[4-piperidinylnyl(N-amidino)]alanyl, and
[3-pyrrolidinylnyl(2-N-amidino)]alanyl.

19 (original). A compound according to Claim 18 wherein Xaa₉ is arginylnyl.

20 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of

D-alanyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
2-aminoisobutyryl,
t-butylglycyl,
homopropyl,
hydroxypropyl,
isoleucyl,

leucyl,
phenylalanyl,
prolyl,
D-prolyl,
seryl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
threonyl, and
valyl.

21 (original). A compound according to Claim 20 wherein Xaa₁₀ is prolyl.

22 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Xaa₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of

D-alanylamide,
D-alanylethylamide,
azaglycylamide,
NH-cyclobutyl,
NH-cycloheptyl,
NH-1-(cyclohexyl)ethyl,
NH-2-(cyclohexyl)ethyl,
NH-2-(ethoxy)ethyl,
NH-ethyl,
glycylamide,
glycylethylamide,
NH-hexyl,
NH-2-(hydroxy)ethyl,
NH-isoamyl,
NH-isobutyl,
NH-2-(isopropoxy)ethyl,
NH-isopropyl,
NH-2-(methoxy)ethyl,
NH-3-(methoxy)propyl,
NH-propyl,
NH-2-(1-pyrrolidine)ethyl,
sarcosylamide,
serylamide, and
D-serylamide.

23 (original). A compound according to Claim 22 wherein Xaa₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of

D-alanylamide, and
NH-ethyl.

24 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein

Xaa₁ is selected from the group consisting of
acetyl, and
6-methylnicotinyl;

Xaa₂ is sarcosyl;

Xaa₃ is glycyl;

Xaa₄ is selected from the group consisting of
alloisoleucyl,
allylglycyl,
2-aminobutyryl,
(1R,4S)-1-aminocyclopent-2-ene-4-carbonyl,
3-(5-bromothien-2-yl)alanyl,
3-(3-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-chlorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-cyanophenyl)alanyl,
cysteiny(S-ethyl),
cysteiny(S-methyl),
2,3-diaminopropionyl,
2,4-diaminobutanoyl,
3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)alanyl,
3-(3-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
3-(4-fluorophenyl)alanyl,
histidyl,
homophenylalanyl,
homoseryl,
lysyl(N-epsilon-acetyl),
methionyl(sulfone),

methionyl(sulfoxide),
3-(4-methylphenyl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-1-yl)alanyl,
3-(naphth-2-yl)alanyl,
ornithyl,
phenylglycyl,
prolyl,
3-(3-pyridyl)alanyl,
seryl(O-benzyl),
styrylalanyl,
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carbonyl,
3-(thiazolyl)alanyl,
3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
D-3-(thien-2-yl)alanyl,
tryptyl,
tyrosyl, and
D-valyl,

Xaa₅ is selected from the group consisting of
isoleucyl,
D-isoleucyl, and
D-leucyl;

Xaa₆ is selected from the group consisting of
seryl, and
threonyl;

Xaa₇ is selected from the group consisting of
glutaminyl,
norvalyl, and
seryl;

Xaa₈ is isoleucyl;

Xaa₉ is arginyl;

Xaa₁₀ is prolyl; and

Xaa₁₁ is selected from the group consisting of
D-alanylamide, and
NH-ethyl.

25 (currently amended). A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

26 (canceled). A method of treating a patient in need of anti-angiogenesis therapy comprising administering to the patient in need a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

27 (canceled). A composition for the treatment of a disease selected from cancer, arthritis, psoriasis, angiogenesis of the eye associated with infection or surgical intervention, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy comprising a compound of Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28 (canceled). A method of isolating a receptor from an endothelial cell comprising binding a compound of Claim 1 to the receptor to form a peptide receptor complex; isolating the peptide receptor complex; and purifying the receptor.

29 (original). A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, selected from the group consisting of

N-Ac-Sar-Gly-5-BrThiAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2-Nal-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Orn-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-ClPheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-HPheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Cys(Me)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Cys(Et)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl, and
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Tyr-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl.

30 (currently amended). A compound, or ~~a therapeutically acceptable~~ salt thereof, selected from the group consisting of

N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Lys(Ac)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Pro-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-3-CNPheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Cys(Et)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-ThzAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-(1R,4S)-AmCyeCO-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-3,4-diOMePheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-MePheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-3-CIPheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2-ThiAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-PheGly-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2,4-Diabu-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Met(O₂)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-1-Nal-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2-Abu-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Met(O)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-His-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Trp-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Tic-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-StyAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-AllylGly-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-FPheAla-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2,3-Diapr-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Met(O₂)-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-3-PyrAla-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-CIPheAla-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-1-Nal-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-2-Nal-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-3-FPheAla-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-HPheAla-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-4-FPheAla-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-alloIle-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-Ser(Bzl)-D-Leu-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,
N-Ac-Sar-Gly-HSer-D-Ile-Thr-Nva-Ile-Arg-ProNH-ethyl,